

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11.109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to express my support for allowing LightSquared's proposed mobile broadband network to move forward by considering the technological solutions that exist that will allow LightSquared and GPS to coexist.

In a mostly rural state like Maine, we are excited by the opportunities that LightSquared's network could provide; from creating competition and innovation in the wireless industry and most importantly reaching underserved communities by increasing access to affordable wireless broadband.

A recent article in the Huffington Post on January 31<sup>st</sup> talked about the digital divide that exists in rural Mississippi. Mississippi is unique because it is both the most rural state in the nation and the state with the highest percentage of African Americans- both have been underserved by high-speed Internet. The article states: "Only 60 percent of households in rural America use broadband Internet service, compared with 70 percent of urban households, according to the Department of Commerce. And just over half of all Hispanics and African Americans in the nation use high-speed Internet at home, compared with about 75 percent of whites. "

As someone who currently works professionally with the refugee population, and as a long-standing member of the Maine NAACP, I was troubled to read this article.

LightSquared's wholesale only business model would increase competition, and lower consumer prices, helping close the digital divide. This is important to me and the people I deal with every day.

I appreciate the FCC considering my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Regina Phillips", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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